

## ABSTRACT

[0064] Indexing documents is accomplished by generating an inverted index for a collection of one or more documents, each document including one or more index terms. The inverted index includes an inverted list for each index term in the collection of 5 documents. One or more inverted lists include a quantity of postings that exceeds a value  $x$ , a skip entry after the  $x^{\text{th}}$  posting, and one or more additional skip entries thereafter at intervals of every  $y^{\text{th}}$  posting. The value  $x$  is such that at least a majority of the index terms occur in  $x$  documents or fewer, and the value  $y$  is not equal to the value  $x$ .

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